

# St. Patrick Church and Church of the Transfiguration

## Church Procedures

effective May 25, 2020

Beginning on Monday May 25, 2020 the public celebration of Mass will resume. Let us emphasize the caution of Archbishop Schnurr when he states, "This is not going to be a 'return to normal.' Health and safety requirements and recommendations must continue to be followed. Among these are social distancing, the use of face masks, and a concern for the most vulnerable." Our parishes will strive to adhere to these health and safety requirements to the best of our ability, but we will need the support and cooperation of everyone. To that end, all Catholics in Ohio have been dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, and this will remain in place for the foreseeable future.

### Mass Schedule

#### **St. Patrick:**

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| Monday, Wednesday         | 7:00 PM        |
| Tuesday, Thursday, Friday | 7:45 AM        |
| Saturday                  | 5:00 PM        |
| Sunday                    | 9:00, 11:30 AM |

#### **Transfiguration:**

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| Monday, Wednesday, Friday | 8:15 AM        |
| Tuesday, Thursday         | 7:00 PM        |
| Saturday                  | 5:00 PM        |
| Sunday                    | 7:30, 10:00 AM |

### Confession Schedule

#### **St. Patrick:**

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| Tuesday  | 6:30 PM |
| Saturday | 4:00 PM |

Confessions at St. Patrick will be in the sacristy to ensure that proper safety protocols can be followed, as the regular confessional is too small.

#### **Transfiguration:**

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| Thursday | 6:00 PM |
| Saturday | 3:30 PM |

Confessions at Transfiguration will remain the same, in the confessional.

### Devotional Schedule

#### **St. Patrick:**

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| Tuesday, Thursday, Friday | Rosary                              | 20 minutes before Mass |
| First Friday Devotions    | Confession                          | 5:30 – 6:00 PM         |
|                           | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | 6:00 – 7:00 PM         |
| First Saturday Devotions  | Holy Rosary/Followed by Mass        | 7:30 AM                |

#### **Transfiguration:**

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| Monday, Wednesday, Friday | Holy Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Morning Prayer | 7:30AM            |
| Thursday                  | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament                  | Begins at 9:00 AM |
|                           | Benediction  | 6:45 PM           |
| First Saturday Devotions  | Mass, Rosary, prayers                                | 8:00 AM           |

**All prayer groups that were meeting in the church prior to March 8 may return to their normal prayer meetings, BUT must follow all social distancing and other health and safety norms.**

Online streaming services will continue for those who are unable to attend Mass, following the schedule for Transfiguration Masses: [www.transfigurationcatholicchurch.org/streamspot](http://www.transfigurationcatholicchurch.org/streamspot).

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### Guiding Principles

- Every effort will be made to prioritize safety for all who enter our facilities.
- Every effort will be made to uphold the dignity and solemnity of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.
- The obligation for Holy Mass has been dispensed.
- Every effort will be made to follow all the teachings of the church and all guidelines from the Archbishop and his staff.
- The size of the assembly will be greatly reduced, so Stream Spot live online streaming will continue for those who are unable to attend Mass ([www.transfigurationcatholicchurch.org/streamspot](http://www.transfigurationcatholicchurch.org/streamspot)).
- Individuals feeling ill or at risk should remain at home.

### Worship Space

- Use of hand sanitizers will be encouraged upon entering and exiting the church.
- Holy Water fonts and stoups will remain empty.
- There are to be NO gatherings of people in the church.
- Physical distancing of six feet must be maintained except for members of the same household.
- Pews will be marked for seating.
- Individuals are encouraged to wear face coverings.

### Ministers

- Priests, deacons and seminarians are NOT allowed to wear face coverings or gloves during the celebration of Mass.
- Those distributing Holy Communion *may* wear a face covering during the distribution of Holy Communion.
- All ministers will use hand sanitizer before and after each Mass.
- There will be no server at Mass. The deacon and/or seminarian will assist the celebrant at Mass.
- The deacons and our seminarian will serve as lector for all Masses. If the deacon or seminarian is unavailable, one person only will function as the lector.
- The use of extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist will be limited at this time. The priest, deacon and seminarian will primarily serve in this role. However, for the overflow areas, such as the parish hall (Transfiguration), undercroft or balcony we will use lay distributors for these areas as needed.
- Ushers must NOT shake hands or offer an embrace to those gathering.
- ALL ushers must sanitize their hands before and after all Masses.
- Ushers and greeters will encourage those gathering to maintain all social distancing norms.
- Ushers and greeters will be assisting individuals to find seating in the church using all safety norms.

### Guidelines During the Mass

- The celebrant and deacon will process in and out for Mass from the sacristy.
- The celebrant or deacon will give directions at the beginning of Mass as to the safety changes at Mass, including the procedure for reception of Holy Communion.
- There will be NO passing of the basket for collection, instead there will be a container for your generous contributions placed in a central place for each parish and clearly indicated.
- There will be no offertory procession, as the gifts of bread and wine will be kept in the sanctuary.
- The ciborium containing the bread for the consumption of the people of God will be placed on the side of the altar.
- There will be no physical sign of the peace.
- There will be no holding of hands during the Our Father.
- The ushers will assist in the dismissal of the people at the end of Mass to ensure safe social distancing.

### Additional Items

- All hymnals, missalettes, and books have been removed from the church. Disposable worship aides will be used at all weekend Masses.
- Individuals attending weekday or Sunday Masses are encouraged to bring their own devotional books.